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## **INDIANAPOLIS MAN SENTENCED IN FEDERAL COURT TO FIVE CONSECUTIVE LIFE SENTENCES FOR MULTIPLE MURDERS IN INDIANAPOLIS AND EVANSVILLE**

### **PRESS RELEASE**

Evansville - Jarvis Brown, 28, of Indianapolis, Indiana, was sentenced to five consecutive life imprisonment sentences, plus an additional 20 year sentence, late yesterday by U.S. District Judge Richard L. Young, according to Timothy M. Morrison, United States Attorney for the Southern District of Indiana. Brown previously pleaded guilty on March 17, 2009, to one count of conspiracy to distribute controlled substances, one count of interference with commerce by threats or violence; three counts of using and carrying a firearm during and in relation to a drug trafficking crime or crime of violence resulting in death, and one count of tampering with a witness resulting in death. The case was the result of a coordinated state and federal law enforcement investigation, including agents and officers from the Indianapolis Police Department Robbery/Homicide Unit, the Evansville Police Department, the Bureau of Alcohol Tobacco Firearms and Explosives, the Drug Enforcement Administration and the Federal Bureau of Investigation Evansville Safe Streets Task Force.

The charges arose out of a 2005 Indianapolis to Evansville crime spree by Brown and several associates, which left four persons dead. Brown's group of heavily armed and violent cocaine and marijuana dealers operating in Indianapolis went on a crime spree that ultimately resulted in a series of approximately 13 drug dealer robberies, three attempted gambling house robberies, approximately 13 shootings, three gun murders, four gun assaults wherein the victims sustained permanent and life threatening injuries and one witness murder. In addition to Indianapolis, where most of the incidents took place, Brown, the ringleader of the group, together with several associates also traveled to Evansville, and committed one of the robbery/murders. The weapons used by the group included a Tech-9 machine pistol, SKS assault rifles, shotguns and various handguns. The bloody trail came to an end on January 1, 2006, after Brown and several of his associates within a 24 hour period committed the murder and attempted murder of

two individuals in Indianapolis. They were subsequently apprehended by officers of the Indianapolis Police Department after a high speed car chase through the near east side of the city.

According to Matthew P. Brookman and John E. Dowd, Jr., the Assistant U.S. Attorneys who prosecuted the case, an initial federal indictment was returned against Brown in March, 2006. Several subsequent superseding indictments further fleshed out the charges as to Brown and several of his accomplices, including co-defendants Gabriel Jordan and Teddy Weems. The charges included the conspiracy to distribute cocaine and marijuana, conspiracy to commit robberies, multiple counts of attempted possession of controlled substances, several robbery counts, and several counts alleging the use of firearms in connection with the various drug and violent crime offenses. The cases against the named co-defendants remain pending.

“Years of hard work and dedication by the law enforcement personnel involved in this investigation led to this successful result, despite multiple crime scenes and frightened witnesses” said Morrison. “And the successful result is that, Jarvis Brown will never leave prison.”

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